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 SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION  
 - OF AMCITS - GRENADA

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT).
2. THERE APPEARS TO BE IMMINENT DANGER TO U.S. CITIZENS RESIDENT ON GRENADA DUE TO THE CURRENT DETERIORATING SITUATION, WHICH INCLUDES REPORTS OF RIOTING, PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (POSSIBLY DEATHS), AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BEING DISCHARGED, SOVIET-BUILT ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS IN THE GRENADIAN STREETS, AND SOME LOSS OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY ON THE ISLAND.

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3. AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOW BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF U.S. CITIZENS RESIDING IN GRENADA. STUDENTS AT THE U.S.-OWNED ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY PLUS 200-300 U.S. CITIZENS AND DUAL NATIONALS RESIDING IN GRENADA. EMBASSY REQUESTS CONTINGENCY PLANS BE REVIEWED, AND AVAILABLE U.S. ASSETS IDENTIFIED.

4. WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT AN EVACUATION BE INITIATED. REPEAT, NOT YET. BUT WE STRONGLY COUNSEL THAT ALL PREPARATIONS BE EFFECTED IN ORDER TO DEPLOY IMMEDIATELY AS REQUIRED.

5. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION BY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE VENEZUELANAS HAVE ALREADY INITIATED ACTION FOR EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS IN GRENADA BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE. BISH

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